

per gal. f.o.b. at the island, and two or three cargoes are reported as bought for this market.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Owing to the great competition among dealers more is being paid for raw hides, but no larger prices are being obtained by dealers from tanners, and business is being actually done at a loss. In some cases we hear of 4c. per lb. being paid for No. 1 green light hides, though more than 3½c. cannot be got from tanners; from 3 to 3½c. per lb. has been paid for heavy bulls, which were previously being bought as low as 1½c., and steers are being secured at 5½ to 6c., with sales reported to tanners at 5½c. Calfskins are advanced to 6c., though the American market is still very flat. Lambskins, 10 to 15c. each. Tallow, 5½ to 6c. per pound.

LEATHER.—Some of the shoe factories are still working away on spring goods, but they are only picking up small lots of leather to complete orders, and in this latter line business is of a quiet character. A party just returned from Quebec reports shoe business there as quiet, but tanners continue making weekly shipments of splits to England. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 19 to 21c.; do. No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 18 to 19c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, slaughter, 18 to 20c.; No. 2 do., 17 to 18c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, none here; waxed upper, light and medium, 24 to 26c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 24c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 27c.; splits, large, 13 to 15c.; do., small, 10 to 12½c.; calf-splits, 27 to 30c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 23 to 27c.; Canadian, 19 to 21c.; colored pebbled cow, 12½ to 13½c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 18 to 25c.; buffed cow, 9 to 11c.; extra heavy buff, 12½c.; pebbled cow, 8 to 12c.; polished buff, 9 to 11c.; glove grain, 9 to 11c.; rough, 16 to 18c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The unsettled feeling alluded to in last report is not altogether allayed, and business has not yet assumed a very active phase. It seems to be pretty generally understood that there will be reconsideration of the wire and lead duties as first proposed, and other modifications are not improbable. Pig iron is moving very slowly, and a sale of a ten ton lot of Summerlee at \$19.50 is about the only sale we hear of since last report. A pig iron man, recently returned from the west, reports great difficulty in making sales, as it is said first grade American bar iron is being laid down at about \$16. Canadian bar iron is easy at \$1.75. Black sheet iron is easy, and bound to be lower on receipt of new stocks; it is said lots of No. 28 have been bought as low as \$2.35. Coke tins are weak, and have been offered to arrive at \$2.75, said to be the lowest figure ever known; galvanized sheets are also easier. Hoops and bands are pretty certain to be lower on opening of navigation. We do not hear of any recent sales of copper, but doubtless it could now be bought at 9½ to 10½c. We quote:—Coltess pig iron, \$20; Calder, No. 1, \$19.00; Calder, No. 3, \$18.00; Summerlee, \$19.50; Eglington, \$18.25; Gartscherrie, \$19.00; Langlois, \$20; Carnbroe, \$18.00; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, none here; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$16.50 to \$17.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to \$17.00; machinery scrap, \$14.00 to \$15.00; common do., \$8 to \$11; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.75; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.45 to \$2.50; all polished Canadas, \$3; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7 to 7.25. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.40; No. 26, \$2.30; No. 24, \$2.25; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.25 to 5.50; charcoal I. C., \$3.50 to 3.75; P.D. Crown, \$4; do. I.X., \$4.75 to 5; coke I. C., \$3.00 to 3.25; coke wasters, \$3.00; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½ to 4¾c.; Morewood, 5½ to 6c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.30 to 2.35. Steel boiler plate, 1-quarter inch and upwards, \$2.00; ditto, 3-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; common tank iron, \$1.65 to \$1.85; heads, \$3.00 to 3.25; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$2.75; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40, round machinery steel, \$3; ingot tin, 18 to 20c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 9½ to 10½c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00 to \$5.25; spelter, \$4.50 to \$4.75; American do., \$4.50 to \$4.75. Anti-

mony 10½ to 12c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; ½ in., 3½ to 4c.; ¾ in., 4c.; 1 in., 3½c.; 1½ in., and upwards, 8c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Business is fairly brisk in these lines of trade, and values as revised last week will hold. Seal oil is, perhaps, a little firmer, and the catch is not turning out as good as first reported. We do not hear of any orders for new oil being yet placed. We quote:—Turpentine, 48c. per gallon for single barrels; two to four barrels, 47c. Linseed oil, raw, 58c. per gallon; boiled 61c.; 5 barrel-lots 1c. less; olive oil, none here; castor, 7 to 7½c.; Nfd. cod, 40c. per gallon; Gaspe oil, 38c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 46 to 47c. in small lots.

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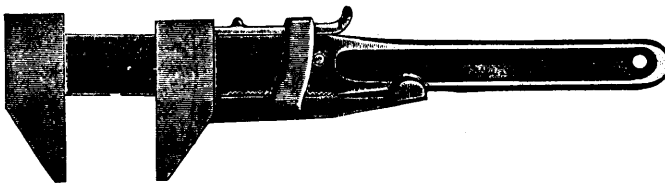
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